

## Bloomfield Record.

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### Bloomfield Public School.

The presence of so many of the parents of pupils and friends generally at the late closing exercises of our Bloomfield Public Schools is indicative of a growing interest in the cause of education in our town. The exercises of the Primary Departments, which took place on Wednesday were extremely interesting, showing a degree of proficiency and patient well-doing on the part of the lady teachers in these schools which is highly commendable, and the promotions, as shown by the figures given below, say even more of the faithfulness and diligence of both teachers and scholars in these lowest departments. Among the exercises was a capital performance, called "Mother Goose Melodies," given in costume. There was also a newspaper, edited by these children, containing essays, child-poems, etc. The singing by Miss Ufford's class was excellent. There were also gymnastic exercises by Miss Dilley's class which were unexceptionably good.

The exhibition of the Grammar and High School Departments took place on Tuesday afternoon, and consisted of orations, dialogues, music, etc. A recital by Miss Page, of the High School Class, was well rendered, and received loud applause. "Eternal Goodness," read by Miss Collins, was also very acceptable to the audience. Miss Smith read a sprightly piece entitled "Working by the Hour." There were also some very creditable declamations by the young gentlemen and ladies of the different classes, but whose names we do not recall.

The Annual examinations of the different classes in our Bloomfield Public School closed on Tuesday, and show results which are very gratifying to the friends of education. The following statement shows the number in each class who have successfully passed the required examination and have been promoted to the next higher class:

CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
4th Class, taught by Miss Dilley,	42
3rd " " Case,	44
2nd " " Smith,	42
1st " " Miss Briggs	76
and Miss Mann,	76

Of these 76 members of the 1st class who have thus been promoted to the 5th Class of the Grammar School, 32 were able, by extra study, to pass the examination for the 4th class, and 8 for the 3rd class of the Grammar School.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

5th Class, taught by Miss Hulin, 28  
4th " " Stremmell 24  
3rd " " Blake, 22  
2nd " " Wheeler, 20  
1st " " Whipple, 16

Of the above 28 members of the 5th class advanced to the 4th, 16 secured promotion to the 3rd class. And of 20 members of the 2nd class, promoted to the 1st class, 4 were able to pass the examination for the High School.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

In the High School 17 scholars passed the required examination for promotion.

### LOCAL BREVIETIES.

To-morrow is the Glorious Fourth.

Monday last was the hottest day of the season.

The probabilities denote a fine but warm day for the Fourth.

The Picture frame store of Mr. D. A. Newport on Spruce Street Bloomfield, was entered by theives and robbed on Tuesday night.

The Young People's Association of the Baptist Church have published a card, giving the announcements of sermons by the pastor during this month, and other information.

An attempt was made on Sunday night to effect an entrance into Westminster Church by means of a basement window, which was forced open. Beside a broken goblet, no damage was discovered the next morning.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Mr. Blane, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will preach on Sunday next. His home during the summer will be with Mr. J. G. Brightton. The trustees have erected two street lamps in front of the church.

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere the ladies of Westminster Church contemplate holding an entertainment at their chapel during the entire day and evening of The Fourth. There will be a tent upon the lawn where refreshments may be obtained, also in the church parlor.

Rev. Dr. Subbert, of the Baptist Church in this place is preaching a course of sermons during the Sabbath evenings of the present month entitled "Footprints of Jesus." The Third sermon of this course will be given next Sunday night. The subject will be "In the Temple among the learned."

There will be no public celebration of the Fourth this year in Bloomfield, unless we term as such the Picnic which comes off to-morrow at Weaver's Grove. Extensive preparations have been made to make it an enjoyable occasion to the citizens of Bloomfield and vicinity. There will be a fine display of fireworks in the evening, and many other attractions at the Grove. For particulars, see advertisement.

### The Montclair Public Schools.

In the examinations and closing exercises of the Schools of Montclair, which have occupied the past week, the high standard of excellence attained in the past is more than fully maintained.

The examinations began on Thursday, June 25, and were concluded last Tuesday afternoon. The tact and proficiency of the teachers as well as the promptness, aptitude and perseverance of the pupils, everywhere manifest, were highly satisfactory to the Board of Trustees and parents, who, from day to day have attended the exercises.

On Wednesday morning the announcements of promotions were made, the building being filled with a bright and happy gathering of school children as ever assembled in Montclair.

In the Primary department several charming recitations were made by the youngest pupils, from five to eight years of age, some of whom evinced surprising imitation and conception powers. The most meritorious of these primary scholars received presents of books and playthings. Trustee Richards, with a witty word or a kind remark for each, most happily bestowed this gift, the last of which was a silver half dollar for a bright little fellow who had been "so many times" at the head of his class.

Upon the conclusion of these interesting exercises in the primary rooms, those of the higher department took place, at ten o'clock, consisting of singing, declamation, reading, etc.

The study of eloquence, it would seem, has been most successfully pursued in the Montclair Schools. We have seldom attended an exhibition of this kind where there were so many really excellent pieces and so few indifferent ones.

The distribution of the Torrey Prizes was made by Mr. Porter, who explained the conditions upon which these were conferred. Mr. Wm. Jacobus then made a brief address to the school, which closed the morning's exercises.

After the rooms had been vacated, a favorable opportunity was presented for inspecting the educational facilities afforded by the Montclair school building, which has undergone extensive improvements and alterations during the past year, under the direction of architect Roberts of New York. A wing has been added which affords a large Primary School Room on the first floor, over which is the High School Room, about 25 by 50. It is a most attractive, home-like apartment. Richly framed engravings of historical character adorn the walls. Desks of the most approved pattern, have been introduced. The windows are large and the ceilings of ample height. There is another room used for the higher classes, nearly as large as the foregoing. There is also a small room fitted up as a laboratory, and provided with philosophical apparatus to which additions are made from time to time. There is a library of about 150 hundred volumes, also geological specimens and a valuable cabinet of minerals. The plumbing arrangements of the building are complete as to convenient and sanitary arrangements.

### Bloomfield M. E. Church.

Children's Day was observed at the M. E. Church last Sunday, and was an occasion of much interest. The church was handsomely decorated. Rustic hanging baskets were placed on each side, and from the ceiling four fern streamers were suspended. On the pulpit platform were two large urns filled with choice plants, with innumerable smaller vases of growing flowers and bouquets. At the rear of the platform a large floral cross was placed, and about the arch were festoons of flowers. Under the arch the Sunday School banner of blue silk with gilt letters was displayed, and at the sides two flags were hung. Over the arch the words "God bless the school," were arranged, the whole making a very beautiful appearance. Other decorations added to the pleasure of the school.

In the morning Rev. J. M. Freeman, Associate Editor of the Sunday School Advocate, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon to the children, taking his text from Matt. xix. 16-22, and using what he termed his invisible black-board to illustrate his subject. Rev. G. S. Smith, of Montclair, was present in the afternoon and addressed the school. Rev. Mr. Freeman preached again in the evening. The singing throughout the day was by the children assisted by a corps of canary birds whose cages were hung about the church. The attendance throughout the day and evening was large, and all the exercises passed off peacefully. No doubt the children, for whom the day was especially set apart, greatly enjoyed them, and, it is hoped, were profited as well as entertained.

### The Burglars Outdone.

Our friend Mr. Jos. B. Maxfield was surprised on Monday eve. last, to find on returning home from business, that his house had again been entered, this time, by a happy company of his immediate relatives, who brought with them plenty of good things to refresh the inner man, and before departing left with him and his good wife substantial proof of their sympathy in the way of a well filled purse and sundry articles to take the places of those stolen. This is what we would call-taking the sweet with the bitter.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Sunday School Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday evening next. The exercises will consist of singing by the children, reports from the Secretary and Treasurer, the presentation of certificates of Honorary Membership, and an address by the Pastor of the church, Rev. H. W. Ballantine. An occasion of unusual interest is confidently expected.

### Montclair High School Commencement.

The closing exercises of the graduating class of this fine educational institution took place last Wednesday night in the Congregational Church which early in the evening, was filled to overflowing by the public school children and the people of Montclair.

Eben's full orchestra occupied the side pews on the left of the platform, and discoursed fine music during the evening. At 8 o'clock, the Overture from Auber, "Massaniello," was performed, and at its close the procession, which had been formed at the chapel, entered the church. The Board of School Trustees led the procession and with the teachers, occupied seats upon the platform. The graduating class occupied the first four pews of the middle aisle. The young ladies were appropriately attired in white, relieved by an occasional flower or delicate spray of leaves.

The exercises, which were conducted by Mr. John P. Gross, Principal, began with prayer by Rev. Dr. Berry, of the Presbyterian Church, who invoked the divine blessing upon the cause of education and particularly upon the retiring pupils of the High School. Upon the conclusion of the prayer, the members of the Graduating Class, in the following order, participated in the closing exercises:

Latin Salutation.....FREDERICK VAN LENNEP.  
The Angel of the Marble.....GRACE L. SEYMOUR.  
Non Nobis Votum.....LEONARD C. STONE.  
The Poet.....LEWIS A. RAYNER.  
"Trade Make Perfect".....LIZZIE C. MEAD.  
Natural Resources of New Jersey.....JOSEPH W. SPALDING.  
Madame De Staél.....CARINE S. DOREMUS.  
Glaciers.....FRANCIS C. GOBLE.  
Just Appreciation of Talents.....LIZZIE L. CHITTENDEN.  
The Living Dead and the Dead Living.....RUTH C. DRAPER.  
Caskets.....ELIZA TICHENER.  
Laws of Solon and Lycurgus.....CLARENCE E. HEEDEN.  
Sacred with Valedictory Address.....IDA L. WILCOX.

While the appearing before so large and critical an audience must have been a trying ordeal for the students, yet there was a remarkable absence of embarrassment, which was especially noticeable in the modest self-possession, and graceful carriage of the young ladies.

The essay entitled Madame de Staél was characterized by a purity of diction, an originality of thought, moral tone and purpose that makes it worthy of special mention. The oration on Charles Sumner, although just now a well-worn subject, was excellent, both in construction and delivery. The dissertation upon the "Natural Resources of New Jersey," was good. The young man received not only applause, but substantial token of New Jersey's "products" in the half dozen bouquets tendered as he left the platform. "Just Appreciation of Time and Talents" and "Crystals" were both scholarly papers, abounding in points of merit and interest. The "Living Dead and the Dead Living" was an admirable production. The illustrious dead who "still live" were extolled, and in contrast the "dead living," the drones of society, were deprecated, the whole, at length, making an ingenius argument for a prompt, decided, and honorable life-work.

The Salutatory was a masterly effort, distinguished by earnest animation, distinct enunciation and correct gestures, which went far in translation of the language in which it was rendered.

The Valedictory was the good wine which Mr. Gross had kept in reserve until the last—not to intoxicate us with delight, but to thrill with emotion the hearts of all who came under the tender influence of the clear but subdued voice of the fair graduate as she spoke the words of farewell to trustee, teacher and classmate. There was a depth of pathos in the allusion to the death of Miss Brown which was touching in the extreme.

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Upon the conclusion of these exercises, Mr. Gross presented the class to the trustees. President Francis then made a brief congratulatory address, and concluded by saying the people of Montclair might well feel proud of the High School and of the achievements of the Class of 1874. He then presented the diplomas to each graduate, after which the following ode was sung by the graduating class:

CLASS ODÉ.  
BY CARIE S. DOREMUS.

One moment stay thy course, O Time,  
For we still have thy light;  
The visions of your youth come true,  
Then take us from your sight.

Youth have you bounties are strong,  
We dream of brighter years,  
And e'en this parting cannot long  
Bedim our eyes with tears.

Kind Teachers, Schoolmoms, fare ye well,  
To you our thanks are clinging,  
Brother may go where he wills,  
Though grief to us it brings.

Though here we must say more,  
Though now we say farewell,  
Still with the class of Seventy-Four,  
In hallowed memory dwell.

Our Father, keep us pure in heart,  
Let us not turn aside,  
And e'en may go where we here part'  
To enter life's great school.

And now we give the parting grasp,  
And pledge our love anew;  
And we hope to meet at last,  
Brothers and Sisters true.

Then came the parting salutations of class and teachers. One could not fail to observe that this beautiful ceremony was no mere outward rite. Each heart was stirred with tender, almost tearful emotion.

"Auld Lang Syne" was now sung by the School, and the exercises were brought to a close by Rev. Mr. Maxwell, who pronounced the benediction. It is proper to state that three of the graduates, Frederick Van Lenep, Edwin A. Rayner, and Clarence E. Hadden, have been accepted as students of Yale College.

The Rev. Mr. Parks objected to eating his picnic dinner at Moro, Cal., under the American flag, remarking that "that rag through which he had put many a bullet hole" disturbed his enjoyment. On the following Sunday, as Mr. Parks took his place in the pulpit, he found an American flag hanging from it. He was about to pull it down, when Mr. Miller, who placed it there, after hearing his unlovely speech at the picnic, quietly rose and presented a pistol, advising him to go on with his preaching and let the flag alone. Miller sat on the front seat with his finger on the trigger, ready for any allusion derogatory to the flag. At the conclusion of the sermon Mr. Miller made a motion that the church had no further use for the services of Mr. Parks, which was unanimously carried. Mr. Parks left Moro, and another minister is wanted there.

The women of Salt Lake City have petitioned for a Prohibition law. If a wife and six children may be made wretched by a drunken husband, how much greater must be the aggregate sufferings of six wives and sixty children, all belonging to one reckless reveler?

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## CRYSTAL SPRING ICE

WESLEY B. CORBY, Proprietor.

The Crystal Spring that gently flows

Through flowery banks of evergreen,

Like it tells us to pursue

A course like this,—so pure, serene.

The post may write of the wine's rosy cup,  
And of its bright virtues may sing,  
But sweater and cooler is the goblet when filled  
With ice from the Crystal Spring.